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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir :

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant hereby brings the following information to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application:

International Preliminary Examination Report dated November 21, 2000, in counterpart application No.PCT/JP98/02302.

Copies of the above-noted document is enclosed together with a duly completed form PTO-1449. The Examiner is accordingly requested to consider each of these documents, and to make them of record in this application by initialing in the appropriate spaces on the Form PTO-1449. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner include a copy of the initialed Form PTO-1449 with the next communication from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the Merits has not been received in the instant application, and therefore a fee should not be needed for considering this disclosure statement. However, if any fee is necessary for consideration of this disclosure statement, the undersigned

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hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fee necessary for the consideration of this statement, including any payment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p), to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments regarding this matter, the undersigned may be contacted at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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